

other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CÁRDENAS:

H.R. 3495. A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to make improvements to the food safety education program carried out under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. GRIJALVA):

H.R. 3496. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding proprietary institutions of higher education in order to protect students and taxpayers; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. DeLAURO:

H.R. 3497. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the dollar limitation on the exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas (for himself and Mr. PERRY):

H.R. 3498. A bill to allow individuals to choose to opt out of the Medicare part A benefit and to allow individuals opting out of such benefit to be eligible for health savings accounts; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. KIRKPATRICK (for herself, Mr. DeFAZIO, Mr. HINOJOSA, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. BARBER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. KUSTER, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. HONDA, Mr. ENYART, and Mr. McNERNEY):

H.R. 3499. A bill to provide for advance appropriations for certain information technology accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to include mental health professionals in training programs of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. NORTON (for herself, Ms. MOORE, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY):

H.R. 3500. A bill to provide for the compensation of Federal contractor employees that were placed on unpaid leave as a result of the Federal Government shutdown, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. SERRANO:

H.R. 3501. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to provide assistance to eligible nonprofit organizations to provide specialized housing and supportive services for elderly persons who are the primary caregivers of children that are related to such persons; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 3502. A bill to encourage States to expand the protections offered to victims of sex offenses who are not in a familiar or dating relationship with the perpetrators of such offenses; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BEATTY (for herself, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. NORTON, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Ms. BORDALLO):

H. Con. Res. 64. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of suicide prevention awareness; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. OLSON (for himself, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. YOHO, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. FLORES, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr.

HUNTER, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. STOCKMAN, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, and Mr. MASSIE):

H. Res. 411. A resolution impeaching Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. JONES, Mr. CONYERS, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. WOLF, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. BENTIVOLIO, Mr. PETERS of California, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. ROSLEHTINEN, Mrs. BUSTOS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. ENYART, Mr. BARBER, Mr. MARINO, Mr. ROTHFUS, Mr. BARLETTA, and Mr. COLLINS of New York):

H. Res. 412. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require a reading of the names of members of the Armed Forces who died in the previous month as a result of combat operations; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. GRIMM (for himself, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. HANNA, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. WALZ, Mr. RUNYAN, Mr. POLIS, Mr. GIBSON, Mr. LEWIS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HINOJOSA, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, and Mr. WALDEN):

H. Res. 414. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of American Education Week; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

152. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, relative to Resolution No. 27 requesting the President and the Congress to initiate the process of admission of Puerto Rico as the 51st State of the United States of America; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

Mr. RYAN of Ohio introduced a bill (H.R. 3503) to authorize the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to Robert L. Towles for acts of valor during the Vietnam War; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. BARTON:

H.R. 3481.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

[clause 3 of] section 8 of article 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. GARRETT:

H.R. 3482.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, 1, Section 8, Clauses 1 ("The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States"), 3 ("To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes"), and 18 ("To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof").

By Mr. POLIS:

H.R. 3483.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution

Article I Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution, and Amendment II of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia:

H.R. 3484.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3.

By Mr. PRICE of Georgia:

H.R. 3485.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the authority enumerated in Clause 3 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. GRAVES of Georgia:

H.R. 3486.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Tenth Amendment—

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

Article I, Section 8, Clause 7—

The Congress shall have Power . . . To establish Post Offices and Post Roads

By Mrs. MILLER of Michigan:

H.R. 3487.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 4, Clause 1.

By Mr. MEEHAN:

H.R. 3488.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8, clause 1; and Article I, section 8, clause 18 of the Constitution of the United States

By Mr. TIBERI:

H.R. 3489.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. GRAVES of Missouri:

H.R. 3490.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This Act is justified by the sixteenth amendment, which grants Congress the power to lay and collect taxes on income.

By Mr. McDERMOTT:

H.R. 3491.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The principle constitutional authority for this legislation is clause 1 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution of the United States, which states: "The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes . . ."

By Mrs. LUMMIS:

H.R. 3492.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2: "The Congress shall have power to dispose of and